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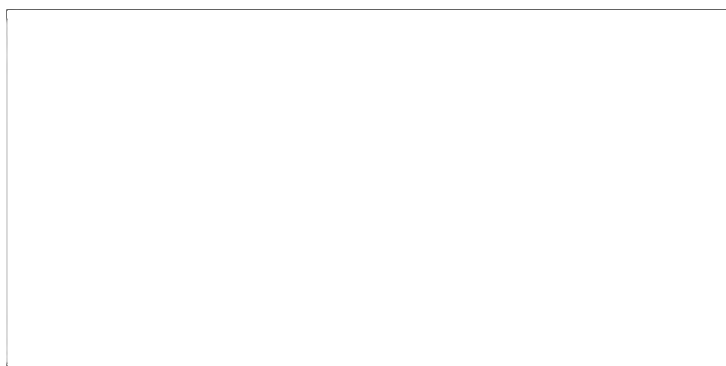
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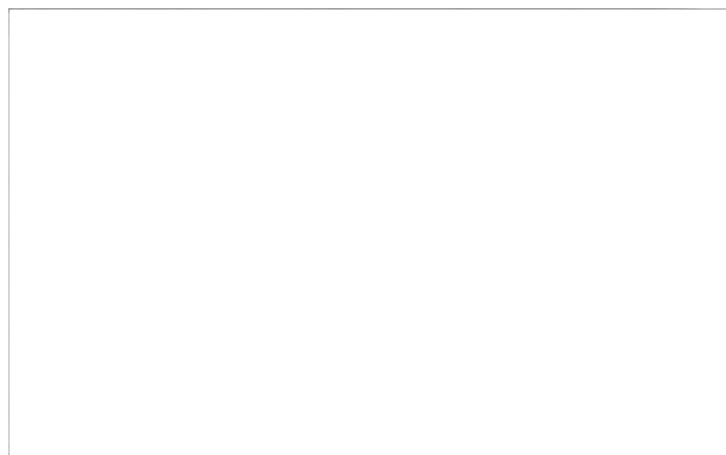
1. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK

a. Victorious and its escorts apparently went through the Lombok Strait this morning without incident.



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c. The Indonesians also sounded a one-hour civil defense alert in Djakarta, alleging that "enemy aircraft" were overhead.



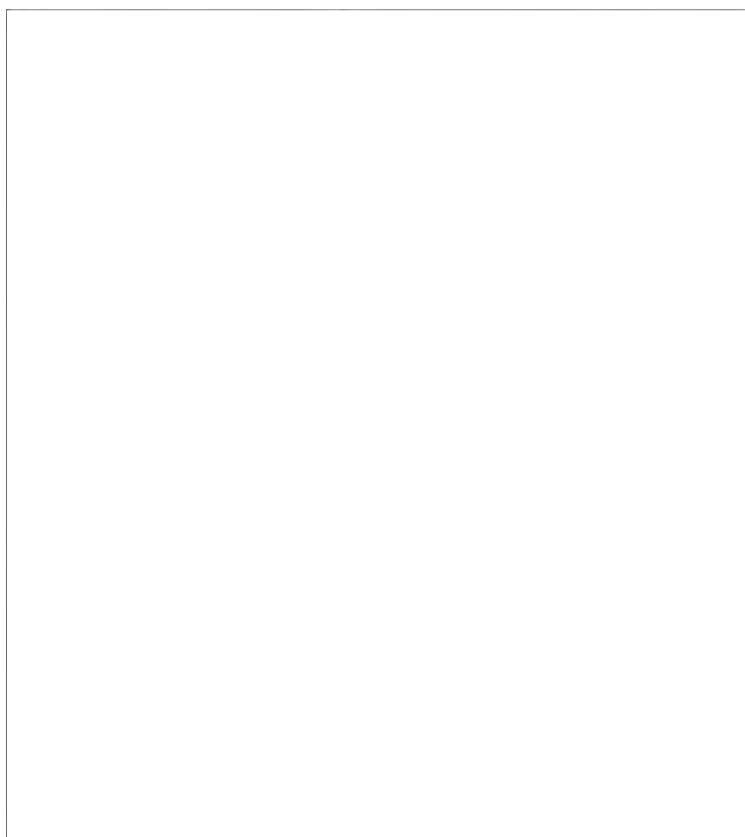
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2. Israel

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3. Cyprus

a. The Turks have told the Greeks that, as a wedding present to King Constantine, they will renew the residence permits of Istanbul Greeks, thus removing the threat of a general expulsion.

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b. Other points of potential friction remain. Despite what the Greeks tell us, the Greek Cypriots are still saying that Turkey no longer has a right to keep troops on Cyprus, let alone rotate them.

c. The Turks say that the long-postponed rotation "must and will take place." [redacted]
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d. The supply of Turkish Cypriot communities is another explosive issue. Shipments of Red Crescent relief goods are on the way to Kokkina. Turkish Cypriots there have given "the priest" Makarios what they call "a splendid lesson" by refusing food offered by him. [redacted]

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4. Congo

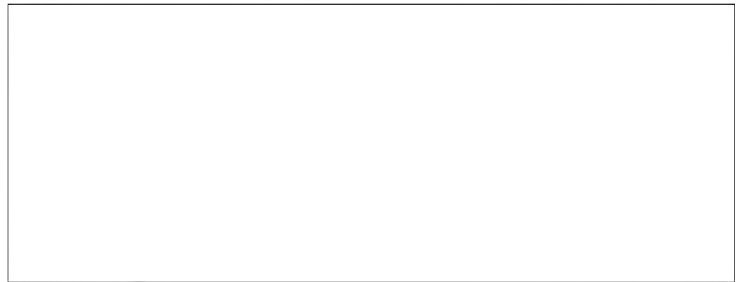
a. Tshombé, who seems to have acquired a taste for personal diplomacy, is in Nairobi for the initial session, beginning today, of the new OAU Congo Commission.

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c. All the same, there is a chance that Tshombé may clash with one or another of the more radical commission members.

d. Back in the Congo, government forces still have the initiative. There are many signs of rebel disarray.

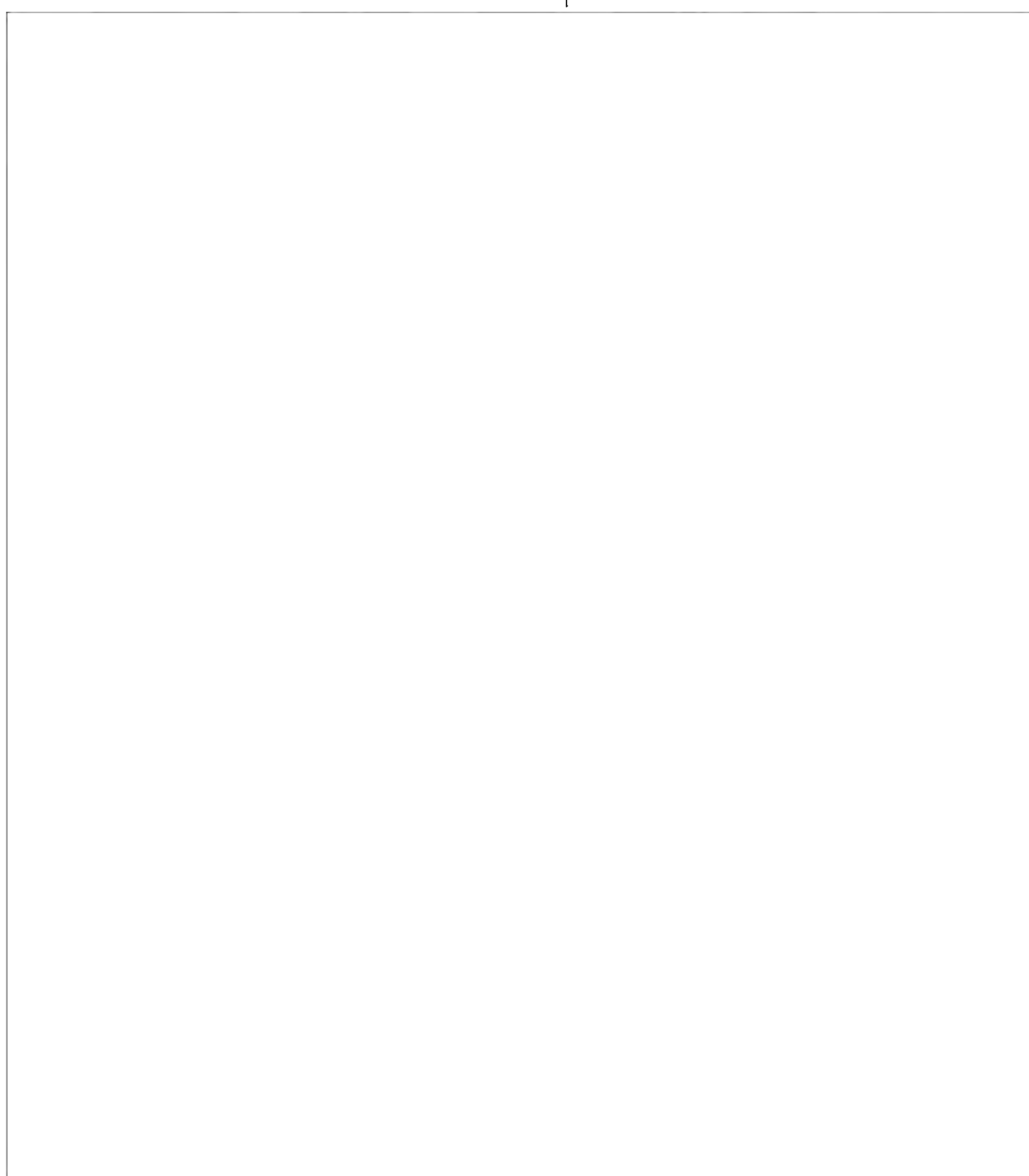


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NOTES

- A. USSR Soviet naval and air forces are engaged in extensive defensive exercises against the current NATO maneuvers in the Norwegian Sea.

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- B. North Vietnam - US Thus far Hanoi's reaction to the latest US naval patrol in the Gulf of Tonkin has been defensive.

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- C. Saudi Arabia - UAR Faysal, we now learn, plans to return to Cairo early next month to take part in the "nonaligned" conference. His presence there will offer an opportunity for further talks with Nasir on Yemen. According to one of Faysal's leading advisors, the Prince and Nasir hit it off surprisingly well at the Arab Summit.

- D. France-China France has hopes of being able to sell another million tons of wheat to Communist China this year. Existing contracts call for the delivery of 450,000 tons.

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E. Venezuela We may be seeing the start of the predicted Communist campaign of violence. There have been disturbances in Caracas for the first time in months, and on Tuesday a Caracas firm was robbed of police uniforms. We do not anticipate that this fall's campaign will reach the pitch of last fall's or that it will get out of hand.

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Communist China

a. Ambassador Dobrynin has told Ambassador Thompson that Moscow believes Communist China could explode its first nuclear device at any time.

b. Soviet concern over the impact of such an event may have motivated at least in part Khrushchev's several references this week to "monstrous" and "terrible" Soviet weapons.

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e. The most recent satellite photography of the Lop Nor test site, dated early August, indicated that the site could be ready this year.

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